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For: EXPRESSION CASSETTES FOR THE BI-

**DIRECTIONAL TRANSGENIC EXPRESSION** 

OF NUCLEIC ACIDS IN PLANTS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

### FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

#### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.